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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1471

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 24, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Feb 24, 2003

SUBJECT: Poster Concerning Availability of Immunizations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Oxley

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires local health departments to develop or approve and distribute an immunization poster to physicians who immunize children.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The State Department of Health reports that currently patients that receive immunizations at local health department clinics under the federal Public Health Service (PHS) 317 program are commonly referred to the clinics by their physicians. However, if this bill would result in additional patients going to the clinics for immunizations, the cost of vaccinating these children may exceed the ability of the State Department to purchase the vaccine with 100% federal PHS 317 dollars. If the children present at the local clinics, the Department is obligated to provide the vaccination for state-required immunizations. If federal dollars are not sufficient to buy all the required vaccine, state funds would be necessary to supplement the immunization program. The extent of the fiscal impact to the immunization program would depend upon the increase in the numbers of patients with insurance that does not cover immunizations who present for immunizations at the local health clinics above the current population.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) The cost of this bill will be dependent upon how each local health department would decide to implement the requirement. A poster containing the information required in the bill concerning the recommended vaccines and the appropriate ages for administration is available on the internet and in a print format for free from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The CDC poster does not include the local information required by the bill, although the information could be added for a nominal

cost.

The poster is required to include information regarding the age at which a state-required immunization is required to be given. This information is based on the recommendations of the U.S. Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and is commonly subject to change according to the Department. Changes in the ACIP recommendations may require the issuance and mailing of new posters more than once a year depending upon the specific revisions. Any revisions to the poster that require additional distributions would result in some additional cost.

(The State Department of Health distributes posters for other immunization program initiatives, such as the new immunization registry, that are developed and printed by the federal agency for distribution in Indiana. These posters do not include all of the information required to be posted in physician's offices by this bill.)

Local health departments provide the staff and infrastructure for this program. The fiscal impact would be dependent upon the extent to which any additional demand for immunization administration can be accommodated within the existing resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: Local Health Departments.

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